

## Message Text

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FM USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8957

INFO AMEMBASSY BRAZZAVILLE

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E.O. 11652 : N/A

TAGS : PDIP, CF

SUBJEC :CONTINUING PROBLEMS IN CASE OF GRAY VS PEOPLE'S  
REPUBLIC OF CONGO MISSION

REF : USUN 5642

1. ON JAN 3, 1978, FRANCES CERRA, A REPORTER FOR NEW YORK TIMES, PHONED USUN CONCERNING CASE. SHE STATED THAT GRAY HAD COMPLAINED TO NEW YORK TIMES THAT DEPT OF STATE WAS DRAGGING ITS HEELS ON CASE AND ASKED FOR INFORMATION ON SITUATION. WE EXPLAINED POSITION TO MS.CERRA AND STATED WE WERE DOING ALL AE COULD, ON STEP BY STEP BASIS, TO TRY TO BRING PROBLEM TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION FOR ALL CONCERNED.

2. WE THEN PHONED CONGO MISSION, WHICH ADVISED US THAT THEY HAD ALSO BEEN CALLED BY MS. CERRA AND HAD REFERRED HER TO THEIR ATTORNEY, MARK J. O'CONNOR OF WILLIAMSVILLE, NEW YORK. WE INFORMED CONGO MISSION THAT WE WERE DISTRESSED OVER FACT THAT WE HAD WRITTEN TO O'CONNOR ON DEC 19, 1977 REQUESTING HIS COMMENTS ON CASE, AND THAT HE HAD NOT YET RESPONDED. WE OBTAINED PROMISE THAT CONGO MISSION WOULD PHONE O'CONNOR AND HAVE HIM CONTACT US AT ONCE. WE ARE WAITING FOR HIS CALL.

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3. DEPT AND AMEMB BRAZZAVILLE MAY BE INTERESTED IN UP-TO-DATE SUMMARY OF DEBTS OUTSTANDING WHICH WERE INCURRED BY CONGO MISSION. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DATE	AMOUNT
NOTIFIED DEBTOR	CREDITOR DUE

9/18/74 AMBASSDAOR MONJDO S. MEISEL & COMPANY \$ 595.1

11/74 M. DIDIER ILOY MARINE TOBACCO 155.00

9/8/76 MISSION CAREFUL CLEANING  
CONTRACT 115.00

5/23/77 MISSION AL ROVINS LOCKSMIH 134.75

8/15/77 MISSION GORDON GRAY, JR. 400,000.00

10/14/77 MISSION MANHATTAN FORD,  
LINCOLN-MERCURY 500.00

6/14/77 PAUL M. AMPAT ANN BENDICK REALTY 1,530.00

12/22/77 MISSION 801 SECOND AVENUE  
ASSOCIAES 6,810.25

TOTAL \$409,840.15

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